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THE BOY IN FRANCE

By Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews
In the November Scribner

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Steeped in hot haze of the August afternoon
The garden dreams in a many-splendored trance;
The locusts drone a long, insistent tune;
And the boy—the boy's in France.

Down the stone steps the rose-pink phloxes stand,
Like delicate sculptures, through the breathless day;
Brilliant yet shadowy, as the bright, vague land;
And the boy—the boy's away.

The dogs about the terrace listless lie,
Waiting a springing step they used to know;
We wait, we also—and the days crawl by;
The boy—we miss him so.

Green fields reach over hills to fields of gold;
Far off the city shimmers, gay but wan;
The radiant scene breathes loneliness untold;
The boy—the boy is gone.

Sudden his service flag's impetuous story
Flashes a bugle note across the flow-ers;
Sudden the aching loss is pride and glory;
He is in France—he's ours!

Lad of my heart! From all across your land
One thought wings to that land of old romance;
One proud America stretches a loving hand
To the boy—the boy in France.

PRESS COMMENT

Don't Turn Back the Clock

That the proposed government stamp tax or bank checks will probably fail is welcome news not only to bankers but to every man who carries a modest checkbook. The money return from the proposed tax would be trivial in comparison with the resulting annoyance and irritation to public by tending to discourage the use of checks and promoting a return to cash payments. Such a law would turn back the clock of progress in business methods.—New York Herald.

Republicans Solid

Stories come from the northern part of the state about the many Republicans who are going to vote the Democratic state ticket this year but there is no indication of a bolt in this section of Vermont. The fact is that the strongest opposition to Clement is not inspired by his attitude on the liquor question (which will be settled by the legislature), but is a result of the grudge which certain party leaders bear him for throwing a wrench into the political machinery in 1902 and thus thwarting several personal ambitions. Mr. Clement will be elected governor of Vermont next week Tuesday by a substantial majority and will give the state an administration based on sound judgment, rugged independence and acknowledged business ability.—Brattleboro Reformer.

Abridged Training

To offset time lost because of the epidemic, troops are to be sent abroad with somewhat abridged training, and it is believed that in this way it will be able to keep up to the standard of a million men in four months which has been somewhat exceeded since July. Of course, time lost can never be recovered, but the loss can be shifted to a point where it will matter less, and the essential just now is to keep a steady stream of reinforcements flowing. If part of the men have missed certain kinds of training they will find first-rate instruction abroad, and there may be plenty of time for it before they are needed. The war department is very sensibly acting on the assumption that every man that can be sent will be needed and is going ahead with equipment on the same scale. If peace should come soon then men longest in active service can be sent home first as is but just, while the newcomers, though too late for a share of the fighting will have a chance for a thorough military training and also for vocational and general education in the schools for soldiers; their time will by no means be wasted.—Springfield Republican.

The Ties of Friendship

If there should arise, in forthcoming peace conferences, any question as to the feasibility of dispensing with war boundaries, it might not be out of place to point out to the doubtful conferees that there is an international line on the North American

VERMONT NEWS

Little George Nute of Brockton, five years old, has collected 772 peach stones and 432 prune stones and turned them into the Brockton Red Cross.

Robert Duncan, who for several years lived in Barre and in Barton, has returned here having been discharged from the Canadian army owing to wounds received in the battle of Vimy Ridge, one leg having been amputated below the knee. He was employed here for several years as a granite cutter.

The epidemic of grip in Washington county has cleared enough so that the local board has notified some 40 registrants that the board is ready for physical examinations next Monday, and every other day thereafter.

Miss Evelyn Fuller of Woodstock has been appointed by the state board of education as superintendent of school to take the place of Everett Perkins, to have charge of the union schools in this section. Mr. Perkins recently resigned to go to Maine.

B. J. Farr of Battle Creek, Mich., formerly of St. Albans, who has been master mechanic of western lines of the Grand Trunk railway system, has been appointed superintendent of the motive power and car department at Detroit, Mich. Mr. Farr succeeds W. H. Sample, formerly of St. Albans, who has been appointed general superintendent of motive power and car department of the Grand Trunk with headquarters in Montreal.

According to figures for J. Gregory Smith, Franklin county chairman for the Fourth Liberty loan, a total of \$932,250 was subscribed in the county. This was \$111,950 over the quota, which was \$820,300.

The opening of the University of Vermont at Burlington again has been postponed, this time to Nov. 7.

Mrs. Walter Boomhower, wife of one of the officers of the Vermont industrial school at Vergennes, died last week of pneumonia.

George G. Walsh, a private at Camp Meade, Md., who was arrested in Burlington on the charge of forging checks, has been taken back to camp, where the military authorities will deal with him.

A shipment of 1,100 pounds of nut shells and fruit stones was made from Brattleboro last week and another truck load will be sent soon. These are for government use in making masks for soldiers.

Five unusually large oak logs cut on the Hale company's timber lot in the town of Sunderland were recently hauled to the company's factory at East Arlington. From the five sticks 3,800 feet of lumber was sawed.

Maj. W. W. Townsend of Rutland was a speaker at the dedication of LaFayette house, a convalescent home for American soldiers and sailors at New York. Maj. Townsend belongs to the medical reserve corps of the army and is stationed at New York as a visiting specialist at New York hospital.

Alton Carpenter broke both bones of one leg below the knee last week while trying to move a gasoline engine at his home in Lunenburg. He was alone at the time and had to lie with the engine pinning him down until he was heard by a neighbor, who released him and got a doctor.

W. F. Parker, vice-president of the Vermont Jewelers' association, died Oct. 28 at his home in Fair Haven after several months' illness. Mr. Parker was 76 years old. He entered the jewelry trade in Rutland in 1862, went to Fair Haven in 1871 and for 47 years had conducted a store there.

On account of high cost of materials and lack of patronage, the following well known hotels, the Hardwick Inn, Hardwick; American House, Richford; and Green Mountain Inn, Stowe, have been closed for the winter. Hale's Tavern at Wells River also has been closed, but J. F. Hale, the proprietor, has leased a large house for the winter, which is well equipped and which will be opened as The Tavern annex. Lack of fuel to heat The Tavern was the cause of its being closed.

THE POTATO MARKET

Receipts Moderate and Maine Market Heavy

(Special to the Caledonian)
St. Albans, Nov. 1.—Receipts in the Boston market are dull with no change in prices. Maine Green Mountains, No. 1, are selling at \$2.40 to \$2.50. At Presque Island the demand is slow with very few sales. The quality, however, is good. At warehouse, cash growers in bulk per barrel, Mountains are selling at \$3.10.

New York receipts are heavy and the market is dull. Maine Round Whites are selling in 165 pound bags, No. 1 at \$4.25 to \$4.40. Michigan Round Whites in 150 pound bags No. 1 \$3.50. New Jersey Giants in 150 pound bags No. 1 \$3.50 to \$3.65. New York Whites in 180 pound bags No. 1 \$3.75 to \$4.

Decorations for Italian Troops at the Marne

For their valiant deeds at the battle of the Marne, last August, the President of France decorated the flags of the 8th Italian Infantry and the Second Division of Assault with the "Croix de Guerre." The 89th Infantry was decorated for its tenacious resistance, despite intense bombardments lasting several days, to the violent attacks of the enemy and for the impetus in its counter attacks: the Second Division was decorated for its repeated proofs of its great spirit of self sacrifice and for the occupation of an important position, wrested from the enemy after a hard fight.

Gentleness.

Gentleness is a good word to put under the shelter of courage, and a good thing to put among the preparations for the unknown year. It is no uncommon thing, in preparing for a journey, to include articles which, in fact, are never needed. They are brought home again unused, and sometimes spoiled. Now an absolute assurance may be given to anyone who requires it, that if this moral preparation and prerequisite for the journey of the year be taken, it will be needed, and it will be used, not alone on rare occasions, but more or less daily all the time.—A. Raleigh.

POLITICAL POT ECLIPSES IN WASHINGTON

(Continued from page 1)

surrender of Germany. That position is supported by such Senate leaders as Nelson of Minnesota, McCumber of North Dakota and others, while Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt leave no doubt as to the position they occupy. It is equally clear that the recent interchange of notes between the President and Germany has left the element of doubt in the public mind as to just what course the President will elect to pursue. Those who scout the validity of this doubt say that the submission of the German plea for an armistice leaves the matter with Foch, and that Foch may be relied upon to make the terms of any armistice sufficiently binding.

The republican answer to this is that the submission of the entire peace matter to the Allied War Council at Versailles is what should have been done in the first place and that its final submission has been accompanied by embarrassing questions as to the real position of the American government, with the consequent embarrassment to the governments with which America is associated.

They also maintain that while there is still doubt as to the situation in Europe the interchange of peace notes has already had the effect of lessening the war enthusiasm in America and that it has brought to the front the possibility of differences of opinion among the Allies as to the methods of peace settlement.

The democratic reply to this is that the President may be safely relied upon to protect the interests of this government and not to take any course which would jeopardize the fruits of victory.

While it is believed the President's appeal will have a tendency to unify republican voters in those states where they are in a majority, the question is raised by both sides as to what effect it will have in states where the normal majority is democratic. Republicans have an excellent chance of winning the Senatorship in Kentucky and profess to believe they have another chance in Missouri. Democrats believe the appeal issued by Will H. Hayes, as chairman of the republican party, will tend to unite democratic votes in those states just as republicans believe the President's appeal will unify republican strength in republican states.

A curious situation is precipitated in the Northwestern states, where the republicans have borne the brunt of the fighting against the disloyal sentiment that exists there among pro-Germans and anti-war socialists. In the primary struggles the republicans had the support of loyal democrats and would have expected to have this continued support in the elections. Since the appeal of the President is for the election of a democratic Congress regardless of the loyalty records of men who are candidates and without regard to the elements supporting them, there is considerable doubt as to the outcome.

Minnesota is an example in point where there is a large pro-German element and where the Non-Partisan League, several of whose leaders have been indicted, is supporting democratic candidates. Democratic support which has been promised Senator Nelson because of the loyal fight he made in support of the administration's war program is now withdrawn and has been officially accorded to his opponent, William G. Calderwood, who is receiving the support of the Non-Partisan League, and the anti-war socialists and other diverse elements.

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Judicial Politeness.

Referring to the exaggerated politeness with which the English judge, as contrasted with his brother on the American bench, dissents from the other members of the court, Law Notes quotes from Judge Bowen in Hutton vs. West Cork R. Co. as follows: "I need hardly say with what hesitation I differ from the view of Lord Justice Baggallay and Lord Justice Fry, and I unfeignedly say that I would rather trust their opinion than my own, but unfortunately the law does not allow me to do so."

Abu Simbel.

The temples of Abu Simbel are a group of rock-cut shrines in the banks of the Nile. The four giant colossal statues guarding the entrance to the main temple gaze tranquilly over the river from their rocky perch. For ages these huge figures have kept their vigil by the waters, weary yet faithful sentinels of the Nile. They are supposed to represent Rameses the Second, and smaller figures of the great king's queens and children keep watch with their husband and father.

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